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SUBJECT: ANTI-TERRORIST SECURITY MEASURES

FOR DEPT FOR EA/EX, A/SY/FO/EA

BEIRUT FOR RSO

BANGKOK FOR OIC/TRC

HONG KONG FOR RSS AND RPB/RTC

1. FOLLOWYNG AN INITIAL SURVEY BY RSO BECKNER OF THE PROPOSED ANTI-TERRORIST PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS IN THE LOBBY AREA OF THE CHANCERY BUILDING AND ONE OF THE ENTRANCES TO THE OFFICE BUILDING ANNEX (OBX), SEVERAL POINTS HAVE ARISEN.

A. PERSONNEL AT POST HAVE INFORMED RSO THAT VOICE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN VISITORS TO THE NEWLY PROTECTED AREAS AND THE MSG AND CONTRACT GUARD MANNING THESE RESPECTIVE AREAS IS TO BE CONDUCTED BY USING AN INTERCOM SYSTEM. IF THIS IS THE CASE:

(1) FOR BEIRUT- WHAT STEPS WERE TAKEN TO OBTAIN SUCH EQUIPMENT?

(2) FOR TRC- IS SUCH EQUIPMENT AVAILABLE THROUGH RTC CHANNELS?

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B. RSO BECKNER RECOMMENDS PLACING A LEXAN WINDOW AND STEEL-PLATED DOOR EQUIPPED WITH AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED LOCK IN THE WALL WHICH SEPARATES THE CONSULAR OFFICES FROM THE CONSULAR WAITING ROOM, RATHER THAN IN THE ALL BETWEEN THE RECEPTIONIST'S DESK AND THE PUBLIC LOBBY OF THE CHANCERY AS ORIGINALLY PLANNED. RSO BELIEVES THAT BY ALLOWING VISITORS, SCREENERED OR NOT, TO GROUP IN A WAITING AREA BEHIND THE SECURITY FEATURES PLANNED TO UPGRADE THE SECURITY POSUTRE OF THE CONSULAR AREA ONLY SERVES TO DEFEAT THE SOLE PURPOSE OF THE IMPROVED ACCESS CONTROLS. RSO'S PROPOSED CHANGE CAN BE EFFECTED AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO THE ORIGINAL PLAN. SPECIFICALLY, POST WILL HAVE SUFFICIENT LEXAN FOR THREE WINDOWS, FIRST IN FRONT OF THE MSG, SECOND IN FRONT OF THE FSL RECEPTIONIST, AND THIRD BETWEEN THE CONSULAR WAITING ROOM AND CONSULAR OFFICES. A SOLID CORE WOOD DOOR WITH AN ELECTRICALLY OPERATED LOCK WILL BE INSTALLED IN THE WALL BETWEEN THE RECEPTIONIST'S AREA AND THE CHANCERY LOBBY. ALL OF THIS WILL AFFORD THE RECEIPTIONIST SOME DEGREE OF PROTECTION, ALLOW HER TO SCREEN VISITORS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION, SEGREGATE VISITORS TO THE CONSULAR SECTION IN A WAITING AREA DESIGNED TO PROTECT CONSULAR PERSONNEL, AND ALLOW CONSULAR PERSONNEL TO CONTROL THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC INTO THEIR PROTTECTED AREA AT NO SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONAL COST.

2. PLEASE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY OF POST CAN PROCEED WITH RECOMMENDED CHANGES.
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